

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Shanghai November 8, 1858, supplementing
treaty of June 18, 1858*

*Entered into force November 8, 1858*¹

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 1, 1859

Ratified by the President of the United States March 3, 1859

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*²

12 Stat. 1081; Treaty Series 47-1

In order to carry into effect the Convention³ made at Tien-tsin by the High Commissioners and Plenipotentiaries respectively representing the United States of America and the Ta Tsing Empire, for the satisfaction of claims of American citizens by which it was agreed that one fifth of all tonnage, import and export duties payable on American Ships and goods shipped in American vessels at the ports of Canton, Shanghai and Fuh-chau to an amount not exceeding six hundred thousand taels should be applied to that end; And the Plenipotentiary of the United States, actuated by a friendly feeling towards China, is willing on behalf of the United States to reduce the amount needed for such claims to an aggregate of Five hundred thousand taels, it is now expressly agreed by the high contracting parties in the form of a Supplementary Convention as follows:

ARTICLE 1

That on the first day of the next Chinese year,⁴ the Collectors of Customs at the said three ports, shall issue debentures to the amount of Five hundred thousand taels, to be delivered to such persons as may be named by the Minister or Chief Diplomatic Officer of the United States in China, and it is agreed that the amount shall be distributed as follows: Three hundred thousand taels at Canton—one hundred thousand taels at Shanghai and one hundred thousand taels at Fuh-chau, which shall be received in payment of one fifth of the tonnage export and import duties on American ships or goods

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, see 8 Miller 93; for a discussion of the date of entry into force, see 8 Miller 70.

² All claims were paid by Apr. 24, 1885.

³ Treaty signed at Tientsin June 18, 1858 (TS 46), *ante*, p. 659.

⁴ Feb. 3, 1859.

in American ships at the said ports, and it is agreed that this amount shall be in full liquidation of all claims of American citizens at the various ports to this date.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries of the United States of America and of the Ta Tsing Empire; that is to say, on the part of the United States William B. Reed, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and on the part of the Ta Tsing Empire,

Kweiliang, a member of the Privy Council, Captain-General of the Plain White Banner Division of the Manchu Bannermen, and Superintendent of the Board of Punishments and

Hwashana, Classical Reader at Banquets, President of the Board of Civil Office, Captain General of the Bordered Blue Banner Division of the Chinese Bannermen, both of them Plenipotentiaries, with

Ho-Kwei-tsing, Governor General of the Two Kiang provinces, President of the Board of war, and Guardian of the Heir-apparent,

Mingshen, President of the Ordnance Office of the Imperial Household, with the insignia of the second grade and

Twan, a titular President of the Fifth grade, member of the Establishment of the General Council, and one of the Junior under Secretaries of the Board of Punishments, all of them special Imperial Commissioners deputed for the purpose, have Signed and Sealed these presents.

Done at Shanghai this eighth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight and of the Independence of the United States the eighty third and in the eighth year of Hienfung, the tenth month and third day.

WILLIAM B. REED

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